

## 424 NAVY SHIPS ARE BEING BUILT AT PRESENT TIME

Over One Thousand Vessels  
Are Now Under Com-  
mission.

## DANIELS ON THE STAND

Gives Details of Steps Taken  
to Prepare Navy for  
War.

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A recital by Secretary Daniels of how the navy prepared for war by adding several hundreds of ships to the fleet and letting contracts for hundreds of others, including dreadnaughts, battle cruisers, destroyers and auxiliaries, and an explanation of the operation of the navy supply department by Rear Admiral McGowan, paymaster general, marked the opening yesterday of the inquiry by a House sub-committee into the navy's war activities.

The sub-committee adjourned last night without fixing any time for resuming the hearing and probably will not meet again until after Christmas. Representative Britten, of Illinois, asked Secretary Daniels whether the department has received any complaints from Vice Admiral Sims, commanding the American naval forces in the war zone. The Secretary said the question was improper and that "mess gossip" should not be bandied about but he added that Admiral Sims had been given everything possible that the navy department could give.

Later, when Admiral McGowan was called to the stand he submitted an order issued by him some months ago directing that Admiral Sims' requests for supplies be acted upon on the same day they were received.

"We have 424 ships in course of construction," Secretary Daniels told the commission.

"That does not include submarine chasers, of which we are building 350 and does not include the small craft. The chasers will be in service by early spring."

Included in the 424 ships, he said, were battle cruisers, battle ships, scout cruisers, destroyers, fuel ships, gun boats, hospital ships, ammunition ships, sea going tubs, mine sweepers, and submarines.

The navy at the beginning of its participation in the war, the witness continued, had at its disposal the money needed for most of the expansion immediately required and in pressing cases where funds were lacking over obligations were incurred. Within the last few days the navy has had to ask for \$86,000,000 in addition to the regular estimates amounting to \$1,039,000,000 for the next fiscal year, now before the House Navy committee.

Secretary Daniels said the navy now had more than one thousand ships in

commission as against 390 two years ago, an enlisted personnel of 280,000 officers and men compared with 64,680 men and 4,375 officers when America declared war.

"Has the navy measured up?" he asked. "It is my firm belief at the close of the investigation your answer will be 'It has and the country has every reason to repose confidence in the navy.'"

## WHY C.A. SPRECKLES ATTACKED HOOVER

Food Administration Spoiled  
a Bully Chance to  
Make War Profits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Claus A. Spreckles, president of the Federal Sugar Refining Co., who attacked the Hoover food administration in a congressional hearing at Washington is the "candy kid" of the sugar world.

"He's the 'candy kid' all right," remarked an old raw sugar importer at the Coffee Exchange, where they speculate in "paper sugar," stock of sugar companies.

"Of course he's sore because Hoover queered the Cuba game. That's what he did, queered the nice little war profits game Spreckles, the 'candy kid,' and J. H. Post and W. H. Childs, the 'Cuba cane boys,' had rigged up when along came Hoover and smashed their golden dream to smithereens by fixing a price of \$6.90 a hundred on imported sugar."

"The reason is this: Spreckles and Post, both heads of refining companies, are directly interested in nearly a score of companies bringing raw sugar into the market. Post is a member of the New Nigero, the Guantanamo, the Fijardo, the Cuban American, and the Central Aguirre, among other raw sugar concerns.

"Spreckles is in the Cuban Cane Corporation, the Manati Sugar Co., and others handling the raw product.

"All their raw sugar would have come into the United States, going to their own refineries and others including refineries of the trust—the American Sugar Refining Co.—and the price would have been far above the \$6.90—Hoover's price. Spreckles and Post, along with all others owning Cuban raw sugar concerns would have reaped oceans of profits. They'd made it on their raw sugar even if Hoover had held down their profits on refining it."

"I am not surprised that Spreckles tried to take a whack at Hoover."

Last July Spreckles of Federal Cuban Cane and Manati, speaking to the stockholders of the Federal, said:

"In fortifying the company's reserves your executives are not influenced by any apprehension that the present highly satisfactory condition will terminate with the close of hostilities abroad."

Then Spreckles was figuring on selling his Cuban raw to his United States refineries and making a big profit twice.

A miniature revolution in Cuba was highly advertised. Frost in canebrakes were told of. A failure of the American beet sugar crop was predicted. Prices shot upward. The Cuban crowd—Spreckles is the "candy kid" of that crowd—expected 10-cent raw sugar, or even more. That would have meant 20 to 30 cents for the refined.

Hoover spoiled both dreams.

Now the Cuban crowd would "get" Hoover.

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